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SUBJ: DENKTASH STATEMENT ON UDI AND INITIAL TURKISH CYPRIOT
PRESS REACTION

1. SUMMARY:UPON RETURN TO CYPRUS SEPTEMBER 18 FROM ANKARA AND FOURTH ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS NEW YORK, "TURKSISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS PRESIDENT"DENKTASH ISSUED LENGTHY STATEMENT BLAMING GREEKS FOR TALKS' FAILURE, SCORING MAKARIOS' ATTEMPTS OBSTRUCT CYPRUS SOLUTION AND USURP RIGHTS OF TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, AND CALLING FOR AUTHORITY TO DECLARE UDI. END SUMMARY.

2. DENKTASH CLAIMED THERE WAS NO PROGRESS IN NEW YORK TALKS "BECAUSE OHE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE DID NOT ATTEND THE TALKS WITH A VIEW TO FIND PEACE...BUT TO INFLUENCE THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO SALES TO TURKEY AND TO MAKE A NEW RECOURSE TO THE UNGA FOR A NEW RESOLUTION." THUS, GREEK CYPRIOT REFUSAL TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS TURK SIDE PRODUCED MAP "WAS AN ATTITUDE WITH ULTERIOR MOTIVES." IMPLYING THE
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BIZONAL PRINCIPLE AT VIENNA III, DENKTASH CITED MAKARIOS' OPPOSITION TO "AGREEMENT ON THE BASIS OF A FEDERAL STATE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PRESENT REALITIES" AND CHARGED THAT MAKARIOS WAS SIMPLY PLAYING FOR TIME, USURPING RIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, DECEIVING WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, AND TRYING TO ISOLATE TURKS.

3. CONTINUED DENKTASH: "MAKARIOS IS STILL APPLYING THE SAME TACTICS HE HAS IMPLEMENTED FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS: HE WANTS TO MAINTAIN THE INITIATIVE AND TO FORCE US TO FOLLOW HIM TO EVERY ORGANIZATION, TO ASK TO BE HEARD AS IF NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN THE ISLAND. MOREOVER, MAKARIOS WANTS TO HINDER OUR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR PRESENT STATUS. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I BELIEVE THE CYPRUS ISSUE WILL BE PUT BACK ON THE COURSE THAT HAS BEEN FOLLOWED FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS, UNLESS WE MAKE A MOVE AND SHOW TO THE WORLD AND THE GREEK CYPRIOTS THE FACT THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO WAIT FOREVER LIKE WE HAVE DONE FOR A YEAR NOW....."

4. DENKTASH THEN REITERATED THAT THE TURKS WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE "BUT TO TAKE A DECISION FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR FULL INDEPENDENCE AND TO DEFEND OUR CASE IN THE UNGA WITH THIS DECISION IN HAND, IF MAKARIOS INSISTS ON GOING TO NEW YORK, ON PREVENTING TURK CYPRIOTS FROM HAVING A RIGHT TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND ON OBTAINING A RESOLUTION HARMFUL TO OUR RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES THROUGH HIS UNILATERAL PROPAGANDA."

5. WARNING TURK COMMUNITY OF ITS POSSIBLE ISOLATION FOR A WHILE" AND OF "THE DEPTH AND GREYNESS OF OUR FORTHCOMING STRUGGLE," DENKTASH SAID: "WE ARE NOW AT THE STAGE THAT MAKE OUR POLITICAL EXISTENCE RECOGNIZED. IF THE OTHER SIDE'S INTRIGUES AIM AT PREVENTING OUR RECOGNITION AND IF THEY ARE IN A POSITION THAT CAN BE HARMFUL TO US BECAUSE OF THEIR STATUS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD, IT IS OUR OBLIGATION TO PUSH THEM INTO A POSITION THAT PREVENTS THEM FROM

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HARMING US."

6. NOTING THAT "IT NATURALLY IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ACT IN FULL COOPERATION WITH MOTHERLAND TURKEY," DENKTASH AGAIN STRESSED THAT "WHEN I GO TO NEW YORK WE MUST BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCLAIM OUR FULL INDEPENDENCE IF NECESSARY. IF WE DO NOT HAVE THIS AUTHORITY, THE WORLD WILL FAIL TO UNDERSTAND

THAT THERE ARE TWO ETHNIC COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS, THAT MAKARIOS HAS WIPED OUT ALL POSSIBILITY OF INTERMIXED CO-EXISTENCE OF THESE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES, AND THAT, IN SPITE OF ALL THESE, THE TURKISH COMMUNITY HAS BEEN WAITING WITH GREAT SACRIFICE FOR THE PAST YEAR FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT FEDERAL STATE."

7. SEPT. 19 TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS GAVE FULL COVERAGE TO DENKTASH ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND REPORTED THAT DENKTASH WOULD MEET WITH CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY SEPT. 22 TO SEEK UDI AUTHORITY. ANTI-DENKTASH, PRO-POPULAR PARTY HALKIN SESI ALSO PROMINENTLY REPORTED STATEMENT OF POPULAR PARTY LEADER ORHON THAT INDEPENDENCE WAS SUBJECT WHICH HAD TO BE TREATED WITH GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AND SERIOUSNESS AND WHICH COULD NOT BE ENTRUSTED SIMPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP. NOTING THAT PARTY HAD NOT TAKEN POSITION REGARDING UDI PER SE, ORHON (A) NOTED THAT INDEPENDENCE SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT TURK CYPRIOTS GIVEN RIGHT TO ADDRESS U.N. OR TO ANY OTHER SUCH CONDITION; (B) SAID POPULAR PARTY OPPOSED GRANTING SUCH PRIVILEGES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE NOT EVEN CLEAR AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO USE THEM; (C) AND SAID THAT IF NEW CONDITIONS EXISTED REQUIRING UDI, IT WAS UP TO DENKTASH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A FORMAL PROPOSAL AND TO PROVE TO ASSEMBLY THAT SUCH CONDITIONS IN FACT EXISTED.

8. WHILE THIS CABLE IN PREPARATION, DENKTASH HAS MADE FURTHER STATEMENT REGARDING UDI, WHICH BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY. CRAWFORD

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